

REMARKS

Claims 61-120, 122-124, and 126 were previously pending in this application. By this amendment, Applicant is canceling claims 87 and 126 without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 61, 88, 106, 108, 113, 120, and 122 have been amended. As a result claims 61-86, 88-120, and 122-124 are pending for examination with claims 61, 88, 106, 113, and 120 being independent claims. No new matter has been added.

Examiner Interview

Applicant wishes to thank Examiner Chang for the courtesies extended to Applicant's Representative during telephone Interviews of December 10th and 14th. During the course of the Interviews, Examiner and Applicant's Representative proposed amendment to the claims that would further distinguish over the art presently of record and place the claims of this application in condition for allowance. Examiner Chang indicated the amendments filed herewith would further distinguish over the art of record, overcome the present rejections and place this application in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicant submits the present Supplemental Amendment for further consideration and allowance, with the understanding that the subject matter to which the Applicant is entitled in view of the art of record will be pursued in a further application under Continuation practice. Favorable action is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, reconsideration is respectfully requested. This application should now be in condition for allowance; a notice to this effect is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes, after this amendment, that the application is not in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the Applicant's attorney at the telephone number listed below.

If this response is not considered timely filed and if a request for an extension of time is otherwise absent, Applicant hereby requests any necessary extension of time. If there is a fee occasioned by this response, including an extension fee, that is not covered by an enclosed check, please charge any deficiency to Deposit Account No. 50/2762.

Respectfully submitted,
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